REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	24 April 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	The Ways of the Greeks
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Surey Books
Author:	Ward Michaels
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restructed to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

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Display Conditions:

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book is classified as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The book is a fictional homosexual love story which facilitates graphic sexual description intended to arouse the reader. The story is set in Greece and the main character is a young American man, aged 18, who is initiated into homosexual sex by a Greek man of the same age. The story revolves around their sexual affair and the cultural difference in their interpretation of devotion. The American man becomes jealous because the Greek man is promiscuous. The story ends with the pair uniting.

Given the sexual content, restriction of the availability of the book to an adult audience under the Films, Videos, and Publications Act 1993 is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law.

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